

ADRC Funding Options

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This document provides local Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partners with a list of available funding opportunities. Please note that the California Department of Aging (CDA) is providing this list for informational purposes only and that not every ADRC may qualify for certain funding opportunities. There may also be additional funding opportunities for ADRCs that are not on this list. This document will be updated regularly. To recommend an addition or removal of a funding opportunity, please reach out to ADRC@aging.ca.gov.

ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program:

California Senate Bill 80 (SB 80) established the state's first ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program which authorizes the California Department of Aging (CDA) to award grants to support Emerging and Designated ADRCs in developing, implementing, and sustaining a local No Wrong Door (NWD) system. This will help individuals and professionals find assistance, resources, and services for current and future long-term needs.

The ADRC Infrastructure Grants Fund may provide funding for Designated and Emerging ADRCs based on an allocation formula including but not limited to county population of older adults and persons with disabilities, and county square miles.

Administering Agency: California Department of Aging (CDA)

Status: Open

Eligibility: Qualified Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Independent Living Centers (ILC) that have been approved as an Emerging ADRC or Designated ADRC.

Application: Not applicable.

Contact: ADRC@aging.ca.gov

Learn more: [ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program](#)

Veteran Directed Care (VDC) Program:

The Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program is a person-centered, consumer-directed program which provides veterans with opportunities to self-direct their LTSS and continue living independently at home and engage in community life rather than living in a nursing facility. In place of receiving direct care services from the Veteran's Administration (VA) health care system, eligible veterans manage their own flexible budgets, decide what mix of goods and services best meet their needs, and hire and supervise their own workers, which may be a family member, friends, or a trusted advocate.

ADRCs will benefit from the VDC Program through diversification of alternative VA funding streams and receive reimbursement for provision of services. The administrative fee is paid monthly covering administration costs, person-centered counseling, and financial management services.

Administering Agency: Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Status: Open

Eligibility: Currently, participation is only available by invitation from ACL. We anticipate that there may be future opportunities for all ADRCs to participate in this funding opportunity.

Application: [Application Guidelines](#)

Contact: veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov

Learn more: [Veteran Directed Care Program](#)

Community Living Fund (CLF):

The Community Living Fund (CLF) is administered by the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to advance California's Master Plan for Aging and improve access to community living. The fund expedites the provision of goods or services not available through other means to individuals either transitioning to the community or at-risk of institutionalization.

Older adults and people with disabilities often need flexible funds to assist with short-term costs until long-term services and supports (LTSS) are developed. CLF is designed to provide person-centered transition services to individuals with income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, those who do not qualify for Medi-Cal and cannot afford out-of-pocket costs associated with transition and diversion, and individuals who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries with needs that are beyond what is covered by Medi-Cal. Allowable activities include household necessities, rent, utilities, personal items, personal assistance not covered by IHSS, moving expenses, assistive technology and training, mobility training, transportation, occupational and physical therapists' assessment, and staffing costs for service coordination where no other source exists.

Administering Agency: Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Status: Open through June 30, 2025

Eligibility: Provide proof of current 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Demonstrate the organization's core mission is serving people with disabilities and/or older adults. Provide resumes for staff dedicated to the CLF Program, including their knowledge and experience in providing person-

centered transition and diversion services to people with disabilities and/or older adults. Have staff member(s) dedicated to institutional transition and diversion services. This requirement can be met through other funding sources or through reimbursements from the CLF Program for service coordination.

Application: [CLF Application Information](#)

Contact: Grants@dor.ca.gov; Regina.Cademarti@dor.ca.gov

Learn more: [Community Living Fund](#)

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)

Led by the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), CalAIM is a five-year project to transform California's Medi-Cal program into a more consistent and seamless integration with social services. The goal is to offer more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered care approaches to Medi-Cal recipients. CalAIM seeks to improve Medi-Cal for people with complex needs and who are facing difficult life and health circumstances. It is focused on breaking down the traditional walls of health care – extending beyond hospitals and health care settings into communities.

DHCS has identified opportunities for improvement upon its first 12-18 months of implementing CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports and has begun implementing policies requiring Managed Care Plans (MCPs) to partner with specific provider types with experience serving individuals with specialized needs in the region. Specifically, MCPs will be required to contract with locally available community-based organizations that have experience working with eligible populations and delivering ECM and Community Supports services.

The new CalAIM program is an opportunity for AAAs, ILCs, and other core/extended ADRC partners to leverage their experience and expertise supporting community living of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers through provisions of ECM and Community Supports services.

Administering Agency: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Managed Care Plan Providers (MCPs)

Learn more: [CalAIM](#)

CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a key part of CalAIM. ECM is a statewide Medi-Cal benefit available to select "Populations of Focus" that will address clinical and non-clinical needs of the highest-need enrollees through intensive coordination of health and health-

related services. Beneficiaries will have a single Lead Care Manager who will coordinate care and services among the physical, behavioral, dental, developmental, and social services delivery systems, making it easier for them to get the right care at the right time.

Medi-Cal beneficiaries are being connected to **Community Supports** to address their social needs, including medically supportive food or housing supports, which help individuals live healthier lives and avoid higher, costlier levels of care. Drawn in part from the foundational work done in the Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots and Health Homes Program (HHP), a key community goal of Community Supports is to allow members to obtain care in the least restrictive setting possible and to keep them in the for as long as possible.

The **Community Supports Initiative** offered in this program include housing transition navigation services, housing deposits, housing tenancy and sustaining services, short-term post-hospitalization housing, medical respite, day habilitation, community transition services from a nursing facility to home, personal care, home modifications, nutritious meals, sober centers, and asthma remediation.

Administering Agency: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan providers (MCPs)

Status: Open

Eligibility: Provide “Model of Care” plan detailing its policies and procedures and contract language for partnering with providers to provide ECM and In Lieu of Services (ILOS). Members must be enrolled in Medi-Cal managed care plan.

Contact: CalAIMECMILOS@dhcs.ca.gov

Learn more: [Enhanced Care Management \(ECM\)](#), [Community Supports](#)

PATH (Providing Access and Transforming Health)

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has implemented three key funding and informational opportunities via PATH to support networks including ADRCs under the CalAIM initiative. The PATH initiative supports the ADRC network in building and expanding capacity and infrastructure for successfully participating in the delivery of ECM and Community Supports within the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative.

PATH CITED (Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion and Development)

The purpose of the PATH CITED is to provide funding that is intended to complement, enhance, and assist community-based organizations; county, city, and local government agencies; hospital or health care providers and others that are contracted or plan to contract with a Medi-Cal managed care plan with building capacity and infrastructure to enable the transition, expansion, and development of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports

for Medi-Cal members under CalAIM. CITED may be used for increasing provider workforce, infrastructure to ensure support integration into CalAIM, infrastructure to support and monitor ECM and Community Supports services and outreaching to under-resourced and/or under-served for ECM and Community Supports services.

PATH CITED Round 3 is expected to open on the PATH CITED website from January 15 through February 15, 2024. The PATH CITED [Round 3 application outline](#) helps prospective applicants prepare the resources and information required to complete their application prior to the opening of the funding window on January 15, 2024. The application outline is informal and intended to be used as a planning tool and intended to “preview” the application. Applicants are still required to apply for CITED Round 3 funding using the application link on the PATH CITED website.

The PATH CITED initiative provides funding to enable the transition, expansion, and development of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports capacity and infrastructure. Round 3 eligible entities include community-based organizations; county, city, or local government agencies; federally qualified health centers; Medi-Cal Tribal and Designee of Indian Health Program; providers; and others as approved by DHCS.

Administering Agency: Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS)

Status: Round 3 will open January 15, 2024 and concludes February 15, 2024

Eligibility: Applicants must be actively contracted to provide ECM/Community Supports or have a signed attestation from an Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) or other entity that they intend to contract with to provide ECM/Community Supports in a timely manner. MCPs are not eligible to receive CITED funding. 501(c)(3) status not required.

Application Outline: [PATH CITED Application Outline](#)

Application: Available in early 2024. Additional information and guidance, including the link for applying through GrantsConnect, will be shared on the website soon. Applications will be reviewed and approved during specified “application windows” established by DHCS.

Application windows will occur at a minimum semi-annually from 2022–2025.

Learn more: [PATH CITED Funding](#), [PATH CITED FAQ](#)

Contact: cited@ca-path.com, (866)529-7550

PATH Technical Assistance (TA) Marketplace

The TA Marketplace is a one-stop-shop website where entities can access cost-free TA services from curated and approved vendors. The services offered can support ADRC partnerships with successfully implementing Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports services by

building data capacity, strengthening services, promoting health equity, and much more. TA offerings include the option to request custom, hands-on technical support or to request off-the-shelf TA projects which are packaged and ready for implementation. The PATH TA Marketplace is intended to provide support to existing Enhanced Care Management (ECM)/Community Supports (CS) providers or those who are engaged with Managed Care Plans to provide ECM/CS.

Administering Agency: Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS)

Status: Open

Eligibility: Must be one of the following: Community Based Organization (CBO), county, city, or local government agency, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Medi-Cal Tribal and Designee of Indian Health Program, providers (including but not limited to hospitals and provider organizations), others as approved by DHCS. Must also meet at least one of the following criteria: Contracted with a Managed Care Plan (MCP) or other entity to provide ECM/Community Support services or planning to contract with an MCP or other entity to provide ECM/Community Support services, or actively exploring that possibility with an MCP or other entity.

Application: <https://www.ca-path.com/ta-marketplace>

Contact: ta-marketplace@ca-path.com

Learn more: [PATH TA](#)

Medicaid Administrative Claiming

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC), also known as Federal Financial Participation (FFP), is a way for states to receive federal funding for conducting administrative activities that support the Medicaid program. The role that ADRCs play in assisting people with navigating long-term services and supports includes many administrative activities that are eligible for Medicaid Claiming.

Joint work efforts by DHCS and CDA are currently under way to explore, develop, and implement MAC as an ongoing financing mechanism for California's ADRCs/No Wrong Door Systems (NWD). MAC provides a significant opportunity for sustaining ADRC/NWD partnerships. With the support of federal reimbursements available under MAC, ADRC partner organizations can receive federal dollars to assist individuals with navigating the maze of LTSS options through provision of "administrative functions" such as identifying and enrolling potential eligibles onto Medicaid or performing activities that directly support the provision of medical services under the State Medicaid Plan; outreach; person-centered counseling;

facilitating Medicaid eligibility, training, program planning; linking health care with social supports; helping individuals avoid costly facility care whenever possible; and providing them with information that can avoid or delay spending down life savings.

Administering Agencies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) and California Department of Aging (CDA)

Status: Currently seeking ADRCs for piloting; Expected implementation in 2025

Eligibility: To be determined.

Application: Pending

Contact: Janis.Ho@aging.ca.gov

Learn more: [Medicaid Administrative Claiming](#)

Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) Non-Medical Supplemental Benefits

Medicare Advantage Plans are offering non-medical supplemental benefits to address the non-medical needs of beneficiaries and Expanded Primarily Health-Related Benefit (EPhRB). Non-medical supplemental benefits and EPhRB offers unprecedented flexibility with a wide range of new supplemental benefits to address broader social needs such as long-term services and supports (LTSS), food insecurity, social isolation, and caregiver respite, targeting members with specific conditions to deliver whole-person centered care.

Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) represent a turning point in Medicare policy which allows Medicare Advantage Plans to offer non-medical supplemental benefits. SSBCI must be offered to MA members who meet the three-part eligibility criteria: (1) individual has one or more complex chronic conditions; (2) is at high risk for hospitalization or adverse health outcomes; and (3) requires intensive care coordination. These benefits can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the member and must have a reasonable expectation of improving or maintaining the health or overall function of the member.

Administering Agencies: Medicare, Independent Healthcare Insurance Plans

Status: Open

Eligibility: Consumer must be Medicare beneficiary, enrolled in Medicare Part A and B, have one or more complex chronic conditions, be at high risk for hospitalization or adverse outcomes, require intensive care coordination.

Application: As determined by Independent Healthcare Insurance Plan.

Contact: Medicare.gov, 1-800-633-4227

Learn more: [Medicare Advantage Non-Medical Benefits](#)

California Community Transitions (CCT)/Money Follows the Person (MFP)

The CCT project, known federally as the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration, provides local care transition providers (“CCT Lead Organizations”) funding to support networks and providers to facilitate and monitor Medi-Cal beneficiaries’ transitions from facilities to the community settings of their choice. In 2023, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) made statutory changes to the program. The act reduces the number of days a person must be in an institution before they become eligible to enroll in the Money Follows the Person (MFP)/CCT Demonstration from 90 to 60 days, leading to an increased number of MFP-funded transitions to the community. It also provides programmatic support to improve MFP performance under technical assistance and evaluation contracts.

Recognizing the importance of transitioning individuals out of facilities, the federal and state government have recently allocated additional funding to expand CCT/MFP. As a result, CCT transitions have been authorized to continue through 2027.

Administering Agency: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Status: Open (funding through 2027)

Eligibility: Become a Medi-Cal home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver provider and agree to the terms and conditions detailed in the CCT Lead Organization (LO) provider contract.

Application: [CCT Application](#)

Contact: California.CommunityTransitions@dhcs.ca.gov

Learn more: [California Community Transitions- Money Follows the Person](#)

Administration for Community Living (ACL) Grants

Watch for ACL to release funding opportunities that ADRCs might qualify for:

[ACL Grant Opportunities](#). ADRC partners can sign up for ACL newsletters to keep apprised of new funding and information pertaining to grant opportunities: [ACL Newsletter](#).

Other Federal Grant Opportunities

Information related to a wide range of federal government grant funding: [Funding Information](#)